[English]

Production of Onion

1494. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of onion during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the prices of onion is increasing in the international market;

(c) if so, the quantity of onion exported during each of the last three years;

(d) whether the farmers are not given adequate remunerative price for onion; and

(e) if so, the steps the Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The production of onion during 1988–89, 1989–90 and 1990–91 was respectively 33,5, 30.7 and 31.5 lakh tonnes.

(b) Yes, Sir. The average annual export prices of onion have been increasing from 1989–90.

(c) Quantity of onion exported during each of the last three years is as under:–

Year	1988–89	1989–90	1990–91	1991–92
Quantity				
(Lakh tonnes)	2.35	3.60	2.89	3.02
				(upto January, 1992)

(d) and (e). No, Sir. Under the Market Intervention Scheme, the State Governments sponsor proposals to the Central Government for fixing Market Intervention Price (MIP) to facilitate remunerative prices to the farmers. To help onion growers, NAFED has suitably fixed the minimum export price at co-operative levels to boost the export trade for onion.

Development Schemes for Tribals

1495. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have any schemes for special cultural, educational and economical development of tribals.

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned and spent by the Union Government for the purpose during each of the last three years and the results achieved; and

(c) the names of Centrally sponsored Tribal Development Schemes which are in existence?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement indicating the details of funds provided for STs and expenditure incurred under Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Ministry of Welfare in last three years is laid on the Table of the House.